



June 20, 2022

Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District (LSLID) Members,

As we look forward to summer, we remain concerned for high water levels and our flooded neighbors. With the recent rain period the lake level has increased, the MN DNR provided an official water elevation reading on June 10, 2022, of 1277.24 identifying that the lake remains high, at 2.14 feet above the ordinary high-water level. We continue to move forward to work on a permanent long-term solution. Please also note the 300' No Wake Zone remains on the lake.

The purpose of this letter is to advise all Lake Shamineau Property Owners of the following:

1. Announce that nominations for three Board of Director seats are open. Instructions for submitting nominations are below. Please note that nominations will be due and ***must be received by July 11, 2022.***
2. Provide the meeting time and location of the ***Annual Meeting, which will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held online. If you are not able to view it online and/or prefer to attend in person, arrangements have been made for viewing at Scandia Valley Town Hall with a Board member in attendance.*** The LID will again be using Survey and Ballot Systems (SBS) from Eden Prairie, MN to administer the voting process.
3. Provide an update on recent Lake Improvement District (LID) activities.
4. Provide an announcement to Property Owners of a ***High-Water Project Informational Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, July 27, 2021, beginning at 6 PM.*** The meeting will be held online; to receive a meeting invitation, send an email prior to the meeting date to Fred Comb at fred@homeinspectionsofmn.com. The Scandia Valley Town Hall will also be available if you would like to view the meeting and a Board member will be in attendance.

Nomination information:

- There are three Board of Director seats open for election in 2022. A list of responsibilities below highlights examples of the duties of the five Directors. The open seats include 1 permanent residency seat and 2 seasonal residency seats. The newly elected directors will take office 4 weeks after elected, for a two-year term.
- The permanent open seat requires that the nominee be a permanent resident. Permanent residency requires that your lake address be your primary residence. The other two seats allow for seasonal residency, however, all nominees must be a property owner as defined by the Establishment Order for the Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District (see the LID website, LakeShamineauLID.org, for the Establishment Order).
- You may nominate yourself or another Lake Shamineau property owner that meets the requirements.
- For each nomination, submit the name of the nominee, confirmation of their residency status, their mailing address, their email address, and their phone number. We will verify that the nominee meets all required residency and property ownership requirements and contact each nominee for background information to send out with the ballots.
- ***Submit nomination information no later than July 11, 2022, to: LSLID, PO Box 394, Motley MN 56466 OR send an email to LSLIDBD@gmail.com.***

Following are examples of the responsibilities of the five member LSLID Board of Directors. Please note that the positions are volunteer positions.

- Attend and present at LSLID Board meetings, at Morrison County Board Meetings, and at various other meetings with the DNR, Soil and Water, other counties, Engineering Firms, etc.
- Coordinate communications (website, newsletter, mailings to property owners, etc.)
- Prepare for and present at the Annual Meeting including handouts, presentations, registrations, voting, etc.
- Coordinate LID projects (AIS, Ambassador, High-Water, etc.).
- Answer emails and phone calls.

- Track financial information including accounting for expenses.
- Coordinate with Morrison County for determining assessment information.
- Complete applications, complete required documentation, and track information for grant funding.
- It is helpful to be familiar with Email, Outlook, Word, PowerPoint, and Excel.

2022 Annual Meeting and Voting Process:

The Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held online, if you are not able to view it online or prefer to attend in person, arrangements have been made for viewing the online meeting at Scandia Valley Town Hall with a Board member in attendance. The LID will again be using Survey and Ballot Systems (SBS) from Eden Prairie, MN to administer the Budget and Director voting process. During the first week of August, SBS will be sending a separate mailing to you with the Voting Instructions and Voting Ballot, the Candidate Information Sheet, the 2023 Budget Sheet, a letter from the LSLID Board of Directors, and a return envelope. Note that the mailing from SBS will be the only mailing that you will receive regarding the voting process. Following is additional voting information:

- For the mailing, SBS will be using the Morrison County mailing list of eligible voters.
- You will be able to either return your vote directly to SBS using the paper ballot and enclosed envelope, or you will be able to alternatively vote online.
- There will be no in-person voting available.
- Instructions for online voting will be included in the mailing.
- SBS will be providing contact information for questions regarding the voting process.
- SBS will provide the tabulation of the voting.

Following is an update on recent LID activities:

1. **AIS:** The LID received notice that Lake Shamineau will be receiving an AIS grant from Morrison County for 2022 in the amount of \$13,700. We have also received notice that the 2022 AIS Control Grant application submitted to the State of MN on behalf of Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District for treatment of aquatic invasive plants has been selected for a traditional control grant award in the amount of \$7,500.

With the grant and 2022 budget funding, the Ambassador program is planned to continue at both the East and West landings on the weekends and holidays. The AIS surveys and treatments plans will be conducted as in previous years, and sign repair will be made at each landing.

2. **Communications:** A mailing was sent to property owners in April 2022 and electronic newsletters have been sent to subscribers to provide an update on activities. Several LID Board of Director meetings have been held. Meetings are announced on the website, held at a local location or online, are open to the public, and notes are posted on the website.

We are pleased to announce that a new website has been developed for the Lake Improvement District. We have worked to develop a new website using the same tool that we use for the LID newsletters, and we were able to launch the new site in February. Since we were able to utilize this existing tool there is no additional cost for hosting the new website. The new website can be found at: **LakeShamineauLID.org**. The website is our official source of information and meeting announcements, and includes information on all Board and LID meetings, engineering reports, financial information, and information of interest.

3. **High Water Project:** The goal of the high-water project is to determine a solution to the high-water problem that is the most feasible, cost-effective, and timely, and will minimize ongoing maintenance and future operating costs. In August 2020 the LID Membership voted with 74% approval to “Establish Project to Construct High-Water Outlet” at an estimated cost of \$3,350,000. With the membership approval of this project, the LID Board has worked to move forward on a permanent long-term solution.

The High-Water Outlet Project Plan includes construction of a lake outlet structure and pumping station adjacent to the shoreline at the west end of the lake. From the pumping station the water will proceed westerly eventually reaching Fish Trap Creek, which becomes part of Todd County Ditch 41 at the properties adjacent to the railroad bridge and continues to the Long Prairie River. A map of the pumping site and water flowage route has been posted to the website.

Following are recent project updates and milestones:

- A wetland delineation of the route was completed by Houston Engineering and has been accepted by the DNR and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) of both Morrison County and Todd County.
- Houston Engineering completed groundwater monitoring near the lake with the drilling of several wells and has completed many technical tasks including soil borings, surveys, electrical design, completing route and design details for landowners, and providing right of way descriptions.
- An operating and maintenance plan has been developed which includes guidelines to balance the need to lower the lake while minimizing the impact on downstream property owners.
- The petition to utilize Todd County Ditch 41 was approved by the Todd County Board of Commissioners on October 13, 2021.
- An Environmental Assessment Worksheet was completed and approved by the LID Board of Directors on January 17, 2022.
- Approval has been received from Fawn Lake and Scandia Valley Townships for use of the road right of way.
- We have signed letters of agreement from landowners west of Highway 10 to provide easements and agreements with landowners near the lake in Morrison County are in process.
- Bi-monthly meetings with the local DNR have been held to keep them informed of the project and to provide detailed project information, to seek input and to inquire on technical questions.

The next project tasks include:

- Seeking approval and finalizing permits from agencies such as the DNR, Soil and Water agencies, Army Corp of Engineers, Morrison County, MN DOT. The DNR permit has been submitted and we anticipate approval soon.
- Other tasks include continued outreach with landowners, agencies and public, and conducting a 429 Hearing to begin the bonding and financing process.
- Upon completion of all the above tasks, the project will be ready for the completion of the final detailed design plans, developing bid documents, issuing bids, and selecting the contractor for construction. It is estimated that these tasks will be completed during Summer 2022 and construction could begin in the Fall.
- Houston is working on updating cost estimates for the project. Due to the rising costs of material and labor we understand the project pricing will have increased.

We have received positive comments from legislators and the DNR regarding State funding for the High-Water Project and we understand that Lake Shamineau will likely receive funding if a bonding bill is approved.

Other Information

Plan to attend the **High-Water Project Informational Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, beginning at 6 PM.** The meeting will be held online; to receive a meeting invitation, send an email prior to the meeting date to Fred Comb at fred@homeinspectionsofmn.com. The Scandia Valley Town Hall will also be available if you would like to view the meeting. Look for a mailing during the first week of August from SBS that will include: Voting Instructions and Voting Ballot, the Candidate Information Sheet, the 2023 Budget Sheet, a letter from the LSLID Board of Directors, and a return envelope.

Be sure to visit the new LSLID website, **LakeShamaineauLID.org**, for updates and other documents and information. Send your email address to LSLIDBD@gmail.com to subscribe to our electronic newsletter. Be sure that your mailing address is up to date with the Morrison County Auditor's Office as we use the County property information for our mailings.

Thank you for your support,

Rick Rosar, Bob Koll, Fred Comb, Tim Rice, and Bob Ingle
Lake Shamineau Lake Improvement District Board of Directors

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